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SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCING: COLOMBO IN-HOUSE VIEWS ON AL HARAMAIN

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Classified By: DCM James F. Entwistle. Reasons 1.5 b, d, and e.

(S) Post has no knowledge of any Al Haramain branches in either Sri Lanka or Maldives. Further, we are unaware of any Al Haramain financing activities among Muslim groups in either country. Both Sri Lanka and Maldives are vigilant against Islamic extremist elements. The GORM in particular takes a very firm, negative line against any potentially disruptive fundamentalist Islamic activities. We do not believe designation of Al Haramain under UN 1267 would pose any concern to either the GSL or GORM.

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